feasible to open a regional office of the Central Water Commission at Raipur.

Setting up of flood Management Authority

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SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI PRARELAL KHANDELWAL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Flood Management Authority;

(b) the estimated loss being caused to life and property due to flood every year;

(c) the progress of river interlinking work and by when it is likely to be completed; and

(d) what steps are being taken by Government to constitute the Flood Management Authority quickly in view of the huge loss caused due to flood?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) No proposal for setting up of "Flood Management Authority" is under consideration of Ministry of Water Resources. However, the working Group on Water Resources for XI Five Year Plan has recommended setting up of a National Flood Management Commission for co-coordinating and overseeing the activities relating to flood management in the country.

(b) Based upon the flood damages details received from States for a period from 1953 to 2005, average annual loss of lives and properties due to floods is placed at Statement. (*See* below).

(c) The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) set up by Government of India in 1982 to study the feasibility of inter-basin water transfer has identified 30links under the National Perspective Plan, out of which 16 links pertain to Peninsular component and 14 links pertain to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Himalayan component. NWDA has prepared feasibility reports for 14 links under Peninsular component and 2 links under Himalayan component. Survey and investigations for the remaining links are in progress.

A group headed by Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC) has been constituted in June, 2002 to discuss the issues with the concerned states and arive at a consensus about sharing of surplus water and preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) by NWDA. The work of preparation of one priority link *viz.* Ken-Betwa under Peninsular component has been taken up by NWDA. The implementation of inter basin water transfer proposals would depend on the consensus and cooperation of the concerned states.

(d) Does not arise.

Statement

Average Annual Loss of Lives and Properties due to Floods in India (abstract for the period 1953 to 2005)

Sl. No.	Item	Unit	Average Annual Flood Damage
1	2	3	4
1.	Area affected	M.ha	7.55
2.	Population affected	Million	32.86
3.	Human lives lost	Nos.	1,589
4.	Cattle lost	Nos.	94,839
5.	Cropped area affected	M.ha	3.54
6.	Value of damage to crops	Rs. Crore	710.63
7.	Houses damage	Million	1.22
8.	Value of damage of houses	Rs. Crore	270.59
9.	Value of damage to public utilities	Rs. Crore	820.75
10.	Value of damage to crops, houses & Public utilities	Rs. Crore	1805.18